respectively. The Ravi & Beas Waters Tribunal has given its report in January, 1987 and the Government of India and party States have made further reference as envisaged under the Act to seek explanation/guidance of the Tribunal on its report. The Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal has passed an Order on 25-6-1991 granting interim relief to Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry. The Central Government gazetted the Order of the Tribunal on 10-12-91 thereby making it final and binding on the parties to the dispute.

Allocation of Yamuna waters upto Okhla based on mean annual availability was discussed by the co-basin States on 24-12-1993 under the auspices of Standing Committee on inter-State issues in Water Resources. There has been a general agreement on the quantity of water to be allocated to each of the States, However there has been no agreement on the time frame for its implementation.

World Bank Assistance for Upper Krishna Project Stage-II

1767. SHRI B. K. HARIPARSAD : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Centre is aware that the Upper Krishna Project Stage-II is under implementation with the World Bank assistance with the revised total outlay estimated at Rs.3750 crores ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that with only Rs. 200crores earmarked for the year 1993-94 the work is not likely to keep pace in accordance with the deadline set by the Bachawat Award; and

(c) wether the Centre would apply the same yardstick (Like the Sardar Sarovar Project) in declaring the UKP as a national project and allocate funds for early completion of the project ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES : (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) The Upper Krishna Project comprises of Upper Krishna Project Stage-I and Upper Krishna Project Stage-II. The Upper Krishna Project Stage--I is being implemented in 3 phases. An agreement was signed on 16th June, 1989 between the Government of India and the World Bank for an assistance of Special Drawing Rights (SDR) 119 million as credit and US $ 165 million as loan for implementation of Upper Krishna Irrigation Project Stage-I Phase-II. The credit closes on 31-12-1996. The revised estimated cost of Upper Krishna Project Stage-I is Rs. 2503 crores as per State Government's Annual Plan document of 1994-95. The Upper Krishna Project Stage-II at an estimated cost of Rs. 1216 crores has been received recently in Central Water Commission. The State Government is required to comply with the observations of Central Appraising Agencies on this Project.

(b) The allocation for the project for 1993-94 was enhanced to Rs. 303 crores. The project is likely to spill over beyond VIII plan. The Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal has not laid down any deadline for completion of the project, but has only stipulated that at any time after the 31st May, 2000 the order may be reviewed or revised by a competent Authority or a Tribunal, but such review or revision shall not as far as possible disturb any utilisation that may have been undertaken by any State within the limits of the allocation made to it.

(c) The Sardar Sarovar Project has not been declared as a National project, but Gujarat Government has been allocated additional Central assistance to the tune of Rs. 550 crores to compensate for the loss on disengagement of the project from World Bank assistance. Upper Krishna Project is still receiving World Bank assistance.

Release of Additional Land for Resettlement of Sardar Sarovar Dam Oustees

1768. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to release on additional 1500 hec. of forest land in Maharashtra of the resettlement and rehabilitation of the Sardar Srovar dam oustees; and

(bj if so, how many tribal will be dislocated and what steps Government propose to take for their rehabilitation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) The proposal of the Government of Maharashtra for diversion of additional 1500 hectares of forest land in Dhula district for resettlement of Sardar Sarovar Project oustees has been appoved under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 on 22-2-94.

(b) Number of Sardar Sarovar Project affected families from 33 villages of Dhula district of Maharashtra State is about 3065. They have choice to get rehabilitated either in Maharashtra or in Gujarat. Out of this, nearly 2500 project affected families have opted for settlement in Maharashtra. State Government of Maharashtra has a programme to construct 4 gaothans with all civic amenities at Somaval for this purpose. While one gaothan is ready, two more gaothans are scheduled for completion by June, 1994. With release of 1500 hectares of forest area additional space has now become available for construction of more gaothans to the benefit of project affected families.

Ground Water Resources in Desert Areas of Rajasthan

1769. SHRI RAJENDRA PRADAD MODY : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether any survey has been conducted in the ground Water resources in desert areas of Rajasthan ;

(b) whether Government have identified several potential aquifers leading to development of plans to construct tube-wells in clusters ; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to ameliorate the drinking water scarcity in Rajasthan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Under the scientific exploratory drilling programme, for locating the ground water resources, the Central Ground Water Board have identified potential aquifers in the desert districts of Barmer, Bikaner, Churu, Ganganagar, Jaisalmer, Jalore, Nagaur, Jodhpur, Pali and Sikar of Rajasthan.

(c) The results of scientific exploratory drilling have been intimated to the State Government for development of ground water resources for various purposes including drinking water supply.

Setting up of Upper Yamuna Board

1770. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the State Government of Delhi has urged the Central Government to set up and Upper Yamuna Board so that equal share of river water is given ;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Central Government thereto ;

(c) whether Government have contemplated serious efforts to get the right share of water to Delhi State ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) and (b) The co-basin States, including Delhi, of Yamuna basin have agreed in principle to set up an Upper Yamuna River Board. A Committee headed by Member (WP), Central Water Commission and Secretaries of co-basin States as members was constituted to formulate draft constitution and function of the Board. The Committee has sumitted its report.

(c) and (d) Allocation of Yamuna waters upto Okhla based on mean annual availability has been discussed and agreed by the co-basin States. However, there has been no agreement on the time frame for its implementation.

Feasibility Reports for Water Transfer Links

1771. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number and details of water transfer links, identified under peninsular component, and the preliminary feasibility reports completed so far by the National Develoment Agency ;